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## IN MEMORY OF CLIFTON

REMAINS MOVED FROM CEMETERY AT WASHINGTON.

## FIRST GOVERNOR NEW YORK

And Twice Vice President of the United States—Impressive Ceremonies Attend the Removal of the Body.

New York, May 28.—All that is mortal of George Clinton, first governor of New York, and twice vice president of the United States, arrived in New York today on the revenue cutter Mohawk. The coffin containing the remains, exhumed at Washington after an interment of ninety-six years, was brought ashore at the battery, where an escorting parade of United States soldiers, sailors and marines, guardsmen and uniformed patriotic organizations, followed the body of the statesman of the infant republic to City Hall. In the governor's room of that edifice the body will lie in state until tomorrow morning when it will be taken to Kingston, N. Y., the birthplace of Clinton and now to be his last resting place. A United States gunboat will convey the body up the Hudson to Kingston, and a torpedo boat flotilla will act as escort.

The official reception of the body at Kingston will take place Saturday, Memorial Day, when David B. Hill will deliver an oration on the life and work of the first executive of the Empire State. On Monday the body will be finally interred, the occasion marking also the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kingston.

Since Clinton's death in 1812, the body has rested in a casket of lead in the old Congressional cemetery at Washington, but despite the fact that nearly a century has passed since that time, the body is in a remarkable state of preservation. The chemicals in the soil had petrified the upper portion of the body and head, and even the coat and silk stockings appeared to be as intact as the day they were put on.

The exhumation was witnessed in

the national capital by Louis F. Gamet, a great-grandnephew of Gov. Clinton; Benjamin M. Brink, of Kingston; Chaplain R. R. Hoes, of the navy; Brigadier Robert M. O'Reilly, surgeon general of the army, and Dr. Marcus Benjamin, one of the leading officials of the Smithsonian Institution and president of the Society of the War of 1812.

By driving a pole in the earth as a probe, the metal box was struck at a depth of nearly twenty feet and brought to light.

Clinton occupied the governor's chair of New York for twenty-one years and was vice president of the United States during the last administration of Thomas Jefferson and the first administration of James Madison. He was one of the founders of the first republican party, which is claimed by the present democratic party as its progenitor.

### Proclamation.

Pursuant to a motion carried by the City Council and the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ardmore, I do hereby proclaim and set apart June 2nd, 1908, for a general cleaning up day, and all parties living within the corporate limits are hereby urged to clean up their premises on said date.

R. W. DICK,  
Mayor.

### Agreement Reached.

Among the mass of telegraph messages received at the Western Union Telegraph office last night was the following from Hon. Chas. D. Carter to Sidney Suggs:

"Washington, D. C. 5-27-08.

"Conference report on Indian omnibus bill finally agreed to. This includes the appraisal of town lots on segregated mineral lands."

Quite a number of our citizens received similar messages from the same source.

### Arrested for Theft.

Jim Measles has been arrested on the charge of grand larceny and his preliminary hearing set for June 6, before Justice of the Peace M. F. Winfrey.

Measles is charged with having stolen a saddle, blanket and alicker, the property of Jess Pruett, last Monday night.

### Marriage License Issued.

Marriage license was issued today by Judge Mason for J. L. Copeland and Miss Rhody Holcomb, both of Haldilton, to wed.

Honesty is the best policy, but too many people fail to keep the premiums paid up.

## Improvement in Flood Conditions

Traffic Will Be Partially Restored over the Rock Island and Probably the Santa Fe Tonight.

## WORST TROUBLE AT LITTLE CANYON NEAR DOUGHERTY

Rumors of Great Loss of Life at Dallas and Fort Worth Come From Outlying Points. Telegraph Communication From Duncan on the West, Kingston on the East and Other Points Tell the Story of Awful Destruction by Flood. Red River and Washita River Channels Change.

Ardmore is still without wire connection with points east, south and west. A single railroad wire to the north, which is being monopolized almost exclusively by the railroad business, gives the only outlet. The Western Union office at Oklahoma City is said to be flooded with messages for parties in this city, which for the present can be handled only at night, when there is a let-up in the business of the railroad company.

The Postal Telegraph company is hopeful of getting a wire across Red river late this afternoon when connection will be had with points in Texas.

The Ardmoreite has indirect reports of a great loss of life in Texas, but owing to the condition of the wires we cannot obtain any particulars whatever.

It will be but a short while now before Ardmore will be out of the wilderness and railroad traffic will be resumed between here and the outer world, after having been isolated for the past three or four days. The damage to the tracks and bridges of the Rock Island to the east of here have been repaired to such an extent that the first train from the east will arrive in here this evening and return on its regular run tomorrow morning with hopes of the regular train service being maintained hereafter. The Santa Fe system has completed arrangements with the Rock Island to detour its trains over the line of the Rock Island to Shawnee and thence over its own lines into Oklahoma City. Trainmaster H. F. Reddig of the Rock Island and two other gentlemen arrived in the city this morning from Tishomingo on a motor car and after remaining here for a period of an hour or longer proceeded on to Madill on the Frisco to see if possible the extent of the damage on that line at Aylesworth.

It was learned today that the Santa Fe has open track over which train service may be resumed on the line all the way north of Dougherty into Topeka, at which point wires are working. The trouble at present is that the tracks of the line in the small canyon near Dougherty are under water. General Superintendent of the Santa Fe with headquarters in Topeka, in charge of two pile drivers and work trains detoured over the line around Shawnee and has both crews at work repairing the damage, and should the waters that cover the track in the canyon near Dougherty subside, so that a gang of hands may repair the track, it is hoped to have train service as far south as this point from Oklahoma City. Should the crews complete the work of temporarily repairing the damage north of here tonight both crews will proceed south to Red river and begin the work of repairing the damage to the approaches on this side of the river that are washed away, and also the work of putting the river back into line.

Unless something unforeseen happens it is hardly probable that through train service over the Santa Fe south will be resumed until Monday. The reports received at the Santa Fe passenger station this morning are to the effect that a hard rain has been falling in the vicinity of Paula Valley since last night. Mr. Reddig in speaking of the damage to the Rock Island stated that the greatest damage was done to the tracks at mile post 26, which is twenty-six miles east of here, where about 500 feet of track was washed away, and at mile post 35, where about 200 feet of track was washed away as the result of the heavy rains.

General Superintendent Geiger of the Frisco and a large force of hands are at present busy at work repairing the tracks of the Frisco near Randolph where it is said that the bridge across the Washita was made unsafe on account of the floods. East of Madill the condition seems not to improve the least, unless the waters recede today.

### Service on Rock Island.

Duncan, Okla., May 28.—The Rock Island operated a train from Chickasha as far south as Comanche and returned north yesterday afternoon, and will continue a service of one train daily until next week, when the company expects to be able to get trains on further south and if possible across Red river into Texas. There was a heavy wind with a light rain here today, but no damage resulted from the wind. All storm houses in this city are flooded with water from the rains of last week.

A report has reached here that many people have been drowned in Trinity river at Fort Worth and Dallas, but the story cannot be verified on account of there being no telegraph service from Texas into Duncan.

Several men are said to have lost their lives at Fort Worth while making repairs on a railroad bridge in North Fort Worth, the entire structure being swept down stream.

### Whole Country Flooded.

Kingston, Okla., May 28.—This whole section of the country is flooded. Although the water is rapidly receding, conditions are such that little information can be had from along the river.

Two sections of the Frisco-Katy bridge across Red river between here and Denison are gone and the division superintendent of the Frisco, who is here from Francis, says that in his opinion it will be from twenty to thirty days before the Frisco will be able to resume service in Texas.

The channel of Red river has changed from the bridge to Warner Junction, at Old Denison, about one-half mile south of the former course of the stream.

The Washita has also changed its course above it mouth, a new channel being made about a half mile further west.

House after house has been swept down the river, all of the buildings

at Preston Bend on the Texas side of Red river, are gone and it is almost a certainty that lives have been lost there.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars damage has been done by the high water through this section.

Just before the wires into Texas went out Tuesday morning, the operator at Texas Junction advised the Kingston operator that hundreds of lives had been lost in Dallas and that boats were being used over that city, many people being taken from the second-story windows of their homes. At the Commercial Club rooms in Dallas, it was announced that more than one hundred lives had been lost there Monday night. Shortly thereafter the wires across Red river were carried away by the current and nothing more has been received from Texas.

Parties are here today to procure a coffin for the burial of Cleve Johnson, the young man who was drowned near here yesterday morning.

The trestle of the Frisco on Washita near Woodville is all gone, although the bridge is still standing. This trestle was a very long one and considerable time will be required to replace it. The dump there is also washed away. More than a quarter of a mile of track near Red river is also gone. The Platter cut-off, the connecting line between the main line and the A. & C., is also out of commission.

The Frisco's division superintendent who has just reached here from Francis says that it was reported at Francis that every railroad bridge across the North Canadian was gone. The Katy being the first to go out, then the Santa Fe, and the Frisco, in the order named.

### Water Still Falling.

Berwyn, Okla., May 28.—The water is still falling rapidly, though the Washita is still out of its banks.

The Santa Fe still has about 150 feet of track out at Crusher. Nothing can be heard from the little canyon, where the Santa Fe is said to have suffered more damage than in the big canyon.

### Change in River's Course.

Marietta, Okla., May 28.—There was a light shower of rain here today.

It is learned that Red river has changed its course at the point where the Santa Fe crosses that stream and that the channel of the river is now on this side of the bridge, leaving the bridge on the Texas side of the stream.

Mr. Anderson and a lineman from Ardmore have gone to Red river to try and string a telephone line across that stream.

### Farmers are Resuming Work.

Hewitt, Okla., May 28.—The farmers are resuming their work, wherever the ground had dried sufficiently to permit any work being done.

### Trains to Wapanucka.

Madill, Okla., May 28.—It is learned from Tishomingo that the Rock Island is now running trains from Halleyville as far west as Wapanucka.

The Frisco people expect to be able to get trains into Madill from the north soon, as it is believed that only a few hours' work will be necessary to repair the washouts along the track between here and Francis. It will probably be weeks, however, before trains can be run across Red river between here and Denison and the North Canadian, north of Francis.

### Washita Falling Rapidly.

Aylesworth, Okla., May 28.—The Washita at this point has fallen five feet since 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

### Retail Grocers, Notice.

All retail grocers are requested to meet at the city hall Friday night, May 29th, at 7:30 sharp. Business of vast importance to all grocers.

P. L. MARTIN,  
J. S. McCHAREN,  
P. L. JONES,  
Acting Committee.

## FLEET EFFICIENCY

ADMIRAL EVANS PROUD OF THE WAY BATTLESHIPS BEHAVED ON VOYAGE.

"We steamed 14,000 miles in formation. But once while at sea, during all that cruise did the fleet have to slow down because of break in machinery. Then it was a break in an air pump, which required an hour's delay to repair. The delay would have been unnecessary could the necessary cross connection have been made with the other pump. We had an occasional accident, like a break in the steering gear, which will always happen to ships at sea, but all such accidents are repaired without delay and without interfering with the fleet's progress.

"The efficiency of the ships was no surprise to me. I had had those ships under my command before we sailed from Hampton Roads and knew how thoroughly and how stoutly they had been constructed. But the world did not believe the fleet could be taken around South America without accident. The prevalent opinion was that I would do well to reach San Francisco with half of my ships and that the other half would be scattered all along the way—laid up in port for repairs. I know that those ships were taken into San Francisco in even better condition than they were when we weighed anchor and started out past the Virginia capes."

"And do you expect as much for the remainder of the voyage around the world?"

"Without any question. There is no reason why the ships of that fleet should not be taken the rest of the way around the globe with exactly the same success. The place for battle ships is at sea. They should be able to take care of themselves. The ships should be of a kind to withstand active service, strong enough for the strain of constant cruising long distances. I am confident the ships will be brought back to Hampton Roads in as good a condition as they were when they left there."

"You evidently take small stock in the criticism of battleship construction that has prevailed since your departure."

"I have not been asked to testify before the senate committee," said Admiral Evans, in reply to this inquiry, "but our ships are alright. They are first class in every particular. I would not raise the armor belt a particle, as I have reported to the department. I wish we could protect our ships further under water, because a shot striking under water, might do very serious damage. Ships carry some weights now that they would be better without, but there is no way I see of reasonably preventing the rise of the ships, and consequently of the armor belt, from day to day as she cruises. A weight of 55 tons or thereabouts depresses the ship about one inch in the water. The consumption of coal ranges from 150 to 200 tons a day, and a battleship rises about five inches every twenty-four hours."

—From an interview with Admiral Evans in Boston Herald.

The world says only good things about men who are dead—but not about those who are dead broke.

## LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED

THIS STATE BODY PASSED INTO HISTORY AT MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH.

During our enforced isolation from the outside world, by flood, many matters of interest to our readers has transpired, and it will be a day or two yet with favorable conditions before anything like a regular news service can be maintained. One event of interest to all is the adjournment of the legislature which took place last Tuesday night. A summary of the work accomplished shows the enactment of nearly two hundred bills into new laws for the state government.

### IN DISTRICT COURT.

One Decree of Divorce Granted and Several Motions Heard.

The district court held but a short session this morning when several motions in equity matters were argued and orders taken. The divorce case of Bob Adams, a negro against Fannie Adams was set for trial and after hearing the testimony of two witnesses in the case a decree of divorce was granted provided plaintiff pay the costs of the case within the next six months.

The remainder of the day will be taken up by Judge Russell in preparing his decree in the case of the State of Oklahoma vs. the various railroad and express companies to decide the question as to whether or not the common carriers of this state doing an interstate business can haul whiskey into the Indian country.

### Army Recruiting Station.

The fact that this city has been cut off from the outside world by the lack of train and telegraph service caused a falling off in the number of recruits received by the local army recruiting office. So far this month only five recruits have been accepted, and of this number two, Messrs. Sloan and Orr are here waiting to be sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., from whence they will be sent to foreign service.

### Marshall County Seat Fight.

Kingston, Okla., May 28.—The people of Kingston are very much elated over the prospects of Kingston becoming the county seat of Marshall county. The election is to be held July 19.

Madill and Kingston are the candidates for the county seat location.

### Mrs. Mary E. Barnes Dead.

Mrs. Mary E. Barnes, wife of Ex-Governor Cassius Barnes, is dead at the family home in Guthrie, from cancer. Mrs. Barnes was 62 years of age.

### The People Make the Issues.

In his campaigning tour of Pennsylvania, Secretary Shaw is reported to have avoided all reference to state issues. While this is in line with the announced plan of the republican campaign this year, it might have been expected that Secretary Shaw would have noticed in some slight way the extraordinary importance and significance of the local issues in the Keystone state. There the people have been called upon to express their opinion of an administration of affairs which is charged with the most outrageous extravagance.

The republican campaigners have insisted that President Roosevelt is the only issue and Secretary Shaw does not depart from this policy. Yet it has been interesting to observe how little apparent attention has been paid to this announcement by the voters in states like Maine. This claim of the greatest of spellbinders has been passed by and the people have expressed their views on the subjects of local discussion.

The fact is that the people appear to have concluded to choose the issues for themselves, and not to have the issues chosen for them by the "leaders." There are many signs that private leadership has been superseded in the saddle by public opinion.—Boston Globe.

### Ardmoreite Remembered.

D. N. Ferguson, the secretary of the Trades Council of this city, treated the Ardmoreite force to a basket of fine ripe peaches. Mr. Ferguson always remembers the newspaper boys, who feel grateful to him for the treat.

# SPECIAL CALL

For Innes Chorus Recital  
tonight at 7:30, Broadway  
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to be present.

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